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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, CN
SUBJ: COMORIAN NATIONAL DAY

1. COMORIAN NATIONAL DAY OF JULY 6 SNEAKED UP ON ME WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE AS IT IS FIRST ONE SINCE WE ESTABLISHED DIPLO-MATIC RELATIONS WITH COMORIAN GOVERNMENT LAST AUGUST. IN VIEW OF RECENT COUP AND OUR ATTITUDE OF RESERVE AT THIS TIME, AND SINCE WE HAVE SENT NO NATIONAL DAY MESSAGES IN PAST, I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST NOT REPEAT NOT TO SEND ONE THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, SHOULD DEPARTMENT DECIDE OTHERWISE, I DON'T THINK IT IS TOO LATE TO DO SO AND I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING TEXT.

2. TO CO-PRESIDENTS OF POLITICAL/MILITARY COUNCIL, AHMED ABDALLAH AND MOHAMED AHMED: ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF COMORIAN INDEPENDENCE I TAKE PLEASURE IN EXTENDING MY BEST WISHES TO THE COMORIAN NATION. JIMMY CARTER.

3. PLEASE ADVISE BY NIACT IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM WHETHER WE SHOULD SEND THE MESSAGE OR NOT.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HERE, WHO IS ONLY OTHER WESTERN CHIEF OF MISSION ACCREDITED TO COMOROS, RECEIVED A NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE FROM ROME WHICH HE TRANSMITTED TO MORONI, EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NOT TAKEN ANY STEPS TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH NEW REGIME.

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